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CHATTANOOGA:

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THE SITUATION.

Whit stirring scenes are being enacted in other quarters, matters remain in a state of remarkable quiet in the vicinity of Murfreesboro, if we except the cavalry skirmishes that are daily occurring in front of our army at that point. A friend in the cavalry service, informed us the other day at Murfreesboro, that our scouts and the foraging parties of the enemy, had a brush over every road of provender the latter attempt to carry away from the country in the neighborhood of our lines. It is the general impression that no battle is imminent near Nashville. Three Divisions of our army, those of Generals Cheatham, Breckinridge and Withers, constituting General Polk's Corps d'Armee, were reviewed by the President on last Saturday, a full account of which will be found in the Rebel of to day.

From Virginia the telegraph brings us the intelligence of another great battle in Virginia, in which, in the expressive language of Gen. Lee's official dispatch—“Thanks be to God, the enemy were repulsed at all points.” The enemy's loss is reported as immense while ours is comparatively slight. A thousand of the enemy were left dead on the field, and our victorious army occupied the battle-field. The Federal General Hooker is reported among the enemy's killed.

On last Sunday evening, the enemy's gun-boats made a demonstration on James Island, below the city of Charleston, South Carolina, and after firing fifty shells without effect, they retired.

A fight has also taken place in North Carolina, the details of which have not been received. A force of the enemy ten thousand strong, advanced on Saturday to within three miles of Kinston, but our troops checked their further advance.

From North Mississippi our latest advice is to the effect that the Abolitionists are at Water Valley, committing depredations, as usual. Grant and McPherson's Headquarters are at Oxford, Miss. A dispatch characterizes the advance of the abolition army as an indiscriminate raid.

What we have known all along, to wit: that the Union, under the administration of Lincoln, sustained by his abolition friends, had lost the essential character of a Republic, and been converted into a despotism, is gradually coming to the knowledge of the, for a time, deluded people of the North. The issuance of the proclamation of April, 1861, changed the controversy from a mere verbal dispute regarding the institution of domestic slavery, to one respecting the right of a great people to choose their own form of government and administer it for themselves. It was thus changed from a partisan political strife to the assertion on the part of one section of the right to govern themselves, and the denial of that right by the other. The war against us proceeds upon this theory. The Union, according to this despotic theory, is indestructible; it must remain forever; no part of its people have a right to throw off the government; however oppressive it may become; we are not permitted to judge of the amount and degree of oppression imposed upon us; we have no right, under any set of circumstances, to revolutionize; we have nothing to do but to submit. Such was the meaning of the proclamation of April, 1861. Such is the meaning of the war. Abolition, robbery, plunder, desolation, outrage, &c., &c., are mere incidents, appropriate to a war conducted for such a purpose.

This theory is at length boldly announced. On the 4th instant Mr. Stevens introduced, among others, the following resolutions into the United States House of Representatives:

“Resolved, That this Union must be and remain one and indivisible forever.

“Resolved, That no two governments can ever be permitted to exist within the limits now belonging to the United States and which acknowledged their jurisdiction at the time of the insurrection.”

It is without varnish or gloss. It says the Union is supreme, its administration is as absolute as the throne of the Czars. In other words, to the President belongs all power, all authority.

In the Senate on the same day, Mr. Clark submitted the following:

“Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, That they cordially approve the policy of the President of the United States in setting free the slaves in the insurrectionary districts, as indicated in his proclamation dated September 22d, 1862, and recommend to him the employment of that and every other means

known to civilized warfare to terminate the present rebellion and assert the supremacy of the President of the United States over its entire territory and people.”

The supremacy of the President of the United States over its entire territory and people!” Abe Lincoln, the Ape and Buffoon, supreme over the States and the people! So much for “his majesty.”

We present our readers to-day a full report of the visit of President Davis to Middle Tennessee. We dispatched a special reporter to the theatre of the events described, who accompanied the distinguished party going and coming. Although we cannot say that the descriptions given, altogether equal those of Prescott, Motley or Macaulay, they are sufficiently striking and accurate to give the reader a clear idea of the persons who figured, and the places they frequented.

The President left Chattanooga by special train at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. In answer to repeated calls from a large crowd collected at the depot, he announced the platform of the car and delivered a brief, but stirring speech, which was loudly cheered. He then took his departure amid the hearty acclam of the multitude.

John Morgan captured.—We are informed that the redoubtable guerrilla chieftain and gallant cavalier John Hamilton Morgan, was captured on Sunday evening at Murfreesboro, to Miss Mattie E. Reilly, eldest daughter of the Hon. Charles Reilly of this State. The marriage ceremony, we are led to understand, was performed by Lieutenant General and Bishop Leonidas Polk.

We hear of no movement of either army about Grenada. Grant seems to have paused to reflect and look around at his situation, so far away from his base of operations and people of his own political creed, or else the recent rains have made the roads almost impassable, and he fears that the advance (otherwise under such circumstances would be sure to act the part of the fly when invited into the spider's parlor) to become entangled in a web of network weaved by the wily Peabody, out of which he would be unable to extricate himself alive. It is quite likely he will await further reinforcements and the completion of preparations at other points before he makes another demonstration. In the meantime that spans built and dark complexioned men (Genl. Gen. John C. Pemberton) of keen black eyes and high, intellectual forehead, moving about with steady gait, and cheerless with the hope that there will dawn a happy day for the army of the Mississippi. This and people and the signs look for, and it will be a grievous disappointment to their reasonable expectations should not be gratified. We can not afford to rest under the recent advantage Grant gained over us. We must have a swift and efficient compensation with an enormous interest. We must recover ground as fast as we lose it, or our system of defense will be thrown into confusion. The other day it might have been infernal whether we watched the development of each new movement of the enemy or not half way down the river, but it is now made little difference whether we brought on or delayed a battle; but now we must fight. We need all the genius and ability of the generals in the West to prepare a plan that will gain for us the last ground with the smallest injury to our army. This ground must be regained, though it be at the hazard of thousands upon thousands of lives—Fighting Whig of the 11th.

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Answer to Discrepancy.—Five missing, discovered here yesterday, in charge of Dr. L. Green. Two of them from the combat at Uncle Tom's Cabin, and one from the Arbiter. Their names are Newman, Charles Ward, W. M. Griggs, and Wm. H. Jones. Their claims to be members of Capt. Remond's crew in the Yankee naval vessel. They represent the crew of the gunboats to be sick and tired of the war.—Charleston Mercury, of the 13th.

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FORTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RANAWAY from my residence in Hall county, Georgia, on the 1st instant, FOUR NEGROES, namely, a boy about thirty years old, rather dark complexion, about five feet six inches high, Grant, a boy about fifteen years old, dark complexion, five feet six or seven inches high, Buckey, a boy about thirty-five years old, dark complexion, five feet eight or ten inches high, Tobe, a boy about forty years old, dark complexion, five feet four inches high. To be paid for the recovery of each negro \$100.00, and for their confinement in jail where I can put them, \$100.00. They were purchased from Robert Wilkeson, Doctor, attorney-at-law, and I think will try to make their way back to that State. My address is Gainesville, Hall county, Georgia. ALLEN J. BELL.

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